

Parish of St Mary, Middlewich & St Margaret Ward, Holmes Chapel

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 1st August 2021

Sat	31st July	6.30pm	Priest's Int. <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>
Sun	1st Aug	9.00am	Private Int. EJ
		11.00am	The Parishioners
Mon	2nd Aug	9.00am	Jack Laverack Anniv.
		6.30pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Tues	3rd Aug	9.00am	Anne Cull Anniv. <i>St Oswald</i>
Wed	4th Aug	7.30pm	Peter Croshaw RIP <i>St John Vianney</i>
Thurs	5th Aug	9.00am	Winefride Cannon B'day
Fri	6th Aug	9.00am	Simon Finn RIP <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>
Sat	7th Aug	6.30pm	Lou Costello & Mike Casey
Sun	8th Aug	9.00am	The Parishioners
		11.00am	Priest's Int.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: By appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment

Please Pray for



ALL who are sick at home and in hospital: Stephen Grey, Margaret McCallum, Sara O'Brien, Jamie Connor, Gillian Robinson, Tim Bradbury, Peter Hannon, Stan Rosiak, Sadie Everard, Alex Randall, Jenny Ogden, John Evans, Shirley Gaskell, Joan Upton, Jan D, Margaret Scarlett, Fr Paul Hughes, Fr Jim McGrath, Ursula Finn, Mike O'Hare .

ALL who have died recently, especially Simon Finn, Richard Burnside and Peter Croshaw

ALL whose anniversaries occur at this time: Dorothy Keen, Mary McCooey, Winifred Carter, Molly Rees, Peggy O'Dea, Zeko Perocevic, George Wickham, Eileen Carroll, Mary Ryan, Con Meschel, James Wilfrid Costello, John McHale, George Galvin, Rev Richard Dumphy.

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in November please, email Mike Worden wordenm123@gmail.com or the parish stmarysrcmiddlewich@gmail.com

Last weekend saw a change of staff in the Parish: Our thanks go to Tricia Bickerton who has been caretaker of the Parish Centre for almost the whole of Fr Peter's stay in Middlewich. We wish her well in her return to the field of education. Her place will be taken by Helen Armsden, who will also be booking secretary for the Centre. Her phone no is 01606 737781. email helenarmsden@btinternet.com Until further notice the centre can only be used by groups which have public liability insurance and can supply us with a full Risk Assessment. It is hoped however that the Centre will be available for small parish groups for catechetical purposes from September, though not for social purposes until later.

We welcome into our Parish Family Halle Hazel & Eddison Sean McEnaney who will be Baptised this Sunday



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Despite the complete relaxation of the restrictions to which we have become accustomed, please do not think that this means no restrictions in church immediately. The Bishops have said that they do not envisage Sunday Masses returning to normal before Advent, but that Parish Priests should decide at what pace the restrictions should be relaxed, taking into account local conditions. However, there is increasing concern about the high numbers of cases of the virus and hospitalisations, so, in common with many other parishes, we have decided to keep the restrictions in church as they are, including the wearing of masks, signing in, the sanitising of hands, the social distancing measures, and the stewarding of weekend Masses until at least the end of August. This is disappointing, but is the only way to ensure the safety of our whole church family. Many people will be on holiday during this time so there should not be a restriction on the numbers. The same limit of 50 will be applied for weddings, baptisms & funerals. The safety concerns mean that, unfortunately, for the time being, St Margaret's will remain closed for worship. Mothers' Prayers now takes place in church after Mass each Friday. Mass on Wednesday evenings & 11.00am Sunday will be streamed until numbers are no longer restricted, but please come in person if you can. Numbers are currently below maximum due to holidays. Please tell all your fellow parishioners how safe it feels in church and encourage everyone to be part of the real, not just virtual, community again.
 Fr Peter, Deacon Tony, Deacon Chris.

FREE HOLIDAY CLUB PROGRAMME: Free places are now available for children and young people eligible for free school meals. This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Cheshire East. The scheme provides enjoyable activities and nutritious meals for primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Children will be able to access hundreds of free sessions throughout the summer holidays, including specific provisions available for children with SEND or additional needs. The sessions will include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and other exciting opportunities to learn and develop skills, alongside a nutritious meal each day. To view the activities and find out how to book a place, visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/FIS and clicking on the 'things to do' section or by searching 'family information service events'. Any families who don't have access to the internet are advised to contact a professional they are working with who can enrol on their behalf. For more information about the programme in Cheshire East visit www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/HAF



"Post-Covid Clean" of Parish Centre: Many thanks to the stalwart few who worked their socks off last Thursday and Saturday. Thanks to them most of the centre is now sparkling. However there was not enough time or manpower (should say womanpower) to clean the kitchen, so we need another session. If you can help on Thursday 5th August from 9.00am (or after Mass) please sign the list at the back of church or email or ring the presbytery.